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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Examiner Laura Estelle Edwards

Yung-Ming Chen et al.

Serial No.: 09/966,590

Art Unit 1734

Filed: September 27, 2001

Title: Apparatus For Regulating Temperature Of A Composition And A Method Of Coating Implantable Medical Devices

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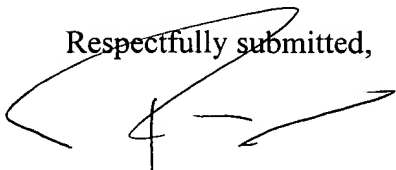
Dear Examiner:

An Office Action for the above-identified application was mailed on July 7, 2004, which had a shortened statutory period for reply that ended on October 7, 2004. Enclosed is a Petition For Extension Of Time for three months, extending the period for reply to January 7, 2004. Applicants are filing this Petition to extend the period to respond for the purpose of filing a divisional application. As a result of the enclosed Petition, this parent application remains pending as of the filing date of the divisional application. If Applicants decide to respond to the Office Action mailed on July 7, 2004, they will of course do so before the six month deadline of January 7, 2004.

If the Examiner has any questions or needs any additional information, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (415) 954-0345.

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